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LOK SABHA

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DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any guidelines to implement the Disaster Risk Management Programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has given approval to implement the GOI-UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme 2002-07;

(d) if so, the details of the programme; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (e): Government has approved the implementation of the Government of India − United Nations Development Programme, Disaster Risk Management Programme (DRMP) (2002-07) with an estimated outlay of US$ 34 million. The programme is under implementation in 169 multi-hazard prone districts in 17 States. A sub-component of this Programme, Urban Earthquake Vulnerability Reduction Project (UEVRP) is being implemented in 38 cities with a population of 5 lakh and above falling in seismic zones III, IV & V.

The overall goal of the Programme is "Sustainable Reduction in Disaster Risk in some of the most hazard-prone districts in the selected States of India".

Under the Disaster Risk Management Programme, guidelines have been issued to the various State Governments for:-

a) Establishment of institutional framework for disaster preparedness and mitigation planning at state, district, taluka, block and community levels;
b) Awareness generation for disaster prevention, preparedness and mitigation;
c) Development of multi-hazard preparedness, response and mitigation plans for disaster risk management at state, district, block, Gram Panchayat, village/urban local body and ward levels;
d) Training & capacity building of the government functionaries/ Disaster Management Teams/ other stakeholders at all levels;
e) Construction of multi hazard resistant Technology Demonstration Units including Emergency Operation Centres;
f) Strengthening of the Emergency Operation Centres at state and district level and enhance the capacity of district administration by providing them with emergency kits to meet the crisis situations;
g) Development of earthquake vulnerability reduction plan, awareness campaign, strengthening disaster management information centre & training of engineerings and architectural professionals in the relevant cities;